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**Subject:** Just a few comments about the Microsoft situation

1. If you remove the deterrent from a crime, you might as well declare open-season on that same crime.
2. It is a sad day for the United States of America when, on the day after a Christmas when almost every PC given as a present, is running software that has essentially been declared "broken" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States of America.
3. Let us not forget who ultimately picks up the tab every time one of our major corporations, including the Pentagon of the United States of America and Microsoft itself, is at the mercy of anyone who is willing to take the time to read a book.
4. Isn't it time to do something about this problem when the worldwide monetary damages caused by the vulnerabilities of Microsoft's software exceeds the total population of the world by several billion?
5. Do we really want the future leaders of our country, who are currently coming up through the grades of our educational system, to be using software that has been declared a threat to the infrastructure of our own country by the National Infrastructure Protection Center of the United States of America?
6. Microsoft marketed their latest "innovated" product known as Windows XP as the most secure operating system ever. It should be quite evident to you by this time that this is not the case. In fact, this situation is much the same as the proverbial used car salesman who insists that the speedometer has not been turned back. However, the final liability of Microsoft's behavior is yet to be known.

URL's to substantiate the above points provided upon request.

Since this is a matter of justice, and the "J" in DOJ stands for justice, I find it necessary to remind you that Abraham Lincoln declared that "All men are created equal" and that we have a pledge of allegiance to our flag which, although altered a few times over the past several decades, still ends with the phrase "With liberty and justice for ALL"!

Therefore, I encourage you to do your job and enforce the laws of the United States of America with equality and due justice. (Long overdue justice in my opinion). And, unlikely as it might be, it would sure be nice to require the company responsible for all the damage to pay for it (retroactive). If Mr. Gates/Microsoft think they are stimulating a faltering economy, then perhaps their vision is only short-term. In any case, isn't it a great way to erode consumer confidence?

What difference is there between capitalism and communism when you are

down to only one product and that product is not only seriously flawed,  
but also a threat to your own national security?

Regards,  
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